BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-155-T - ORDER NO. 98-386

JUNE 1, 1998

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IN RE:	Establishment of Docket for New)	ORDER ON
	Transportation Rules and Regulations.)	GRACE PERIODS
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for consideration of a grace period with regard to enforcement of new Regulations 103-153, 103-159, and 103-190. All new transportation regulations are presently set to go into effect on June 26, 1998. The Commission Staff believes that allowing additional time for compliance with these regulations is reasonable, considering what the carriers must do in order to comply with them.

Regulation 103-153 has added an additional requirement that a motor carrier have its PSC identification number displayed on its vehicles. Revised regulations 103-159 and 103-190 have added additional requirements to carriers' Bills of Lading and Tariffs, respectively.

Staff believes that motor carriers should have until January 1, 1999 to come into full compliance with these regulations, because of the fact that a number of carriers must have signs on their vehicles modified, in the case of compliance with 103-153, and must create new Bills of Lading and Tariffs in order to comply with 103-159 and 103-190

respectively. We agree with Staff, and hold that all Motor Carriers affected by these regulations shall have until January 1, 1999 to come into compliance with them. However, we strongly recommend that all carriers make an attempt to come into compliance with these regulations prior to this date to avoid possible citations by our transportation officers after January 1, 1999.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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